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Alumni To Be Recognized At Homecoming



Mark Riccardi, Alumni Achievement Award

He's taken high falls, wrecked on motorcycles, been in numerous car rollovers and fights, done dangerous rappelling, dirt bike stunts, and is experienced at precision driving. He's even gone "where no man has gone before" in three different Star Trek series. After graduating from Potomac State and WVU respectively, Mark Riccardi set his sights on the bright lights of Hollywood and has been serving as a stunt double for such stars as John Travolta and Alec Baldwin in movies like *Pulp Fiction*, *Michael* and *Face-Off*. He was also in *Live Free Die Hard* and *A Civil Action*. Mark has appeared in episodes of *CSI*, *Heroes*, *Without a Trace* and *America's Most Wanted*. He has worked with Warner Brothers, Paramount Studios, Universal Studios, Dead Horse Productions, Columbia Pictures, Disney Studios, FOX Television, and NBC Studios at various times in the capacity of stunt coordinator, stunt double, stunt driver, or as an actor.



Patricia L. (O'Connor) Sanders, Alumni Achievement Award

Patricia is renowned worldwide for her innovative research regarding the management of fungicide resistance in fungal pathogen populations which were conducted at Penn State University, where she was employed for over 30 years. Patricia also conducted research investigations at the University of California, the Agricultural University of the Netherlands and Jealott's Hill Research Station in England. She has presented her findings in France, England, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and throughout the U.S. Patricia has authored more than 250 research and informational publications on the same subject, in addition to the diagnosis and management of turf grass diseases. It has been stated that due to the significant contributions made by Patricia, all of mankind will benefit from her research, far into the future. Patricia was also honored in 2005 by having her name added to the Duke Anthony Whitmore/Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement Wall.

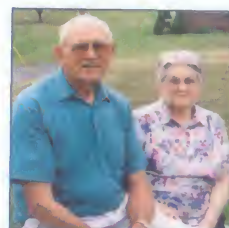


Ivy Guiler, Young Alumni Award

Ivy (Smith) Guiler, Class of 2003, was one of only 10 students nationwide to receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Scripps Howard Foundation and the first student at WVU to receive it. She attended the Scripps Howard Foundation's "Semester in Washington (D.C.) Program," and covered the 2004 presidential election. Ivy also

traveled to Vietnam to cover the 30th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon as part of the Kearns Fellowship. While at Potomac State, Ivy served as editor of the *Pasquino* (the school newspaper) and wrote for the *Mineral Daily News-Tribune* in Keyser, WV and the *Cumberland Times-News* in Cumberland, MD. She has also written for *The Dominion Post* in Morgantown, WV, *The Charleston Gazette* in Charleston, WV and wrote a chapter for WVU's book, *Cancer Stories: Lessons in Love, Loss and Hope*.

Harvey and Betty Moses, Distinguished Service Award



One afternoon, several years ago, Harvey Moses stopped by the College to obtain information about making a donation to the music department and since that time, he and his wife, Betty, have taken a full-time interest in Potomac State. They attend sports events, plays and alumni events. They have given monetary support for updates and renovations, funded scholarships and often take a personal interest in helping those around them. This past summer they helped sponsor PSC students who were studying abroad in Switzerland. Harvey and Betty have been the recipients of an Honorary Degree in 2003 and were also inducted into the Woodburn Circle Society with the WVU Foundation. They grew up in the Milton, WV area where he was active in football and basketball and she played the clarinet in the high school marching band.

Margaret Vorous, Distinguished Service Award



You know her face; you've seen her at PSC functions, but just in case you don't know her name – it's Margaret "Marge" Vorous. Marge not only attends many College functions, but she volunteers her time in assisting Libby Nichols, Alumni/Development Associate, with many of the events from coordinating alumni dinners in her area to handing out nametags at alumni events. She is also a vocal cheerleader for the College, recruiting students by telling them what a

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Golf Team Wraps Up Season With Honors



According to Head Golf Coach Aaron Edwards, "In addition to finishing the regular season with an 80-1 record, the Catamount golf team brought home honors as the Fairmont State Invitational Champions, the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference Champions, Pennsylvania Collegiate Athletic Association State Champions, and Region XX Champions. We also finished 12th in the nation for 2008."

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT AFTER THEIR REGION XX WIN ARE: Brendan Dillon (named to the All-Tournament Team at the National Tournament and chosen as the Region XX Individual Champion), Jeremy Thompson (NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American Honors), Matt Pellillo, David Lang and Brian Affleck (also named to the All-Tournament Team). As this newsletter went to press the team was named NJCAA's National Academic Team of the Year.

Leave a Legacy Making a Difference in the Lives that Follow

Nestled in the Potomac Highlands, Potomac State College of WVU has provided a good educational home for many successful people. We are very proud of that valuable legacy.

To enhance Potomac State's legacy, a number of alumni and friends have provided support in their wills. We need your help too. Including a gift provision in your will worded "to the WVU Foundation for the benefit of Potomac State College of WVU" can be done at the same time you provide for your family's future.

Choosing to set up a scholarship for students in any program, providing for faculty development or supporting library and technology needs are wonderful directions. For certain amounts, a gift

fund can be endowed so that it will last forever and yield annual income which will carry out the purpose you choose. Such a permanent endowment fund can be named for you or anyone you choose to honor.

Another option is to name the WVU Foundation as the after-death beneficiary of a retirement asset account or a life insurance policy. An agreement about how the funds will benefit Potomac State in the future is the next step.

To learn more, contact Libby Nichols, Alumni Affairs (at 304-788-6870; lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu) or refer to the www.wvuf.org website's "Planned Giving" section.

Truly, we would appreciate your help. The future of Potomac State, its students and its programs will be much brighter with additional private support. As we all know, many good things happen when good people want them to.

Margaret Vorous...

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wonderful experience they will have at PSC. Marge is a retired Librarian/ Media Specialist and also served as a school teacher. She graduated from Potomac State in 1967 and received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. She earned a second master's degree from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. Marge was presented with the *Betty Roemmelmeyer Advocate Award* by Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD at their 26th Annual Spring Festival of Children's Literature this past April. She currently works as a real estate agent.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Saifi, Harrison, Peer, and Dolloph

Social Club Honors Employees

Potomac State College of WVU held its annual Social Club Spring Banquet to honor retiring Professor of English Dr. W. Louise Cather and Director of Workforce Training and Community education, Frances Dolloph, Ph. D. Three 25-year employees were also honored. Lori Harrison, Administrative Associate in the Physical Plant; Karen Peer, Administrative Assistant in the Campus Provost's Office; and Mohammad Saifi, Professor of Engineering and Computer Science.



Students Spend Spring Break Volunteering

PSC students improvise a little as they pause for a moment while painting. Approximately 23 students, staff, and community members assisted three home owners with everything from installing insulation to laying floor tile during their spring break trip to North Carolina, where they participated in the Habitat for Humanity program.

Students Study Abroad

PSC students spent three weeks this summer, on the Schiller University Campuses in Leysin, Switzerland; Strasbourg, France and Baden-Baden, Germany. The students visited cheese and chocolate factories, wineries and museums. They toured castles from medieval times learning about their history, how people lived and ate, and how much of it is still used today. They also spent a day on a Swiss farm to experience the European way of farming and a day in a restaurant learning hands-on European hospitality.

Radio Advertising Wins National Honors



Pictured with the award are Trezise (left) and Debi Cruse, Program Assistant in the Communications Department.

Potomac State College of West Virginia University's radio advertising series won gold honors this past March at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) Paragon Awards Program in Savannah, GA.

More than 80 judges from across the country reviewed more than 2,050 entries in 40 different categories in this annual competition that recognizes excellence in communications, exclusively among two-year colleges. In each category, gold, silver and bronze awards were announced.



Jesse Hedrick

According to Rene Trezise, director of Marketing and Communications for PSC, "Making this honor even more significant is that a former PSC student, Jesse Hedrick, from Petersburg, WV, was involved with the creative brainstorming and writing of the ads." Hedrick worked as a work-study student in the department at the time. The ads were produced by John DeVincent, with Metro-News, in Charleston, WV.

PSC Revamping Honors Program

The Honors Program will once again be an active entity on the Potomac State campus. According to Instructor in English and Honors Program Coordinator, Tom Sydow, "In addition to offering honors classes, we are establishing specialized curriculum and faculty advising that promises to be intellectually engaging and rewarding. We'll also focus on creating a learning community where honors students will work together academically and engage in outings and activities," said Sydow.

Jenkins Named Outstanding Staff Person of the Year



Helen Jenkins (center), a cashier in the Business Office and PSC employee since 1973, was chosen as the 2008 *Outstanding Staff Person of the Year* in recognition of her extraordinary service to the College.

Presenting the award were Education Counselor and Chair of the Classified Employees Council Michelle House; and Dr. Kerry Odell, Campus Provost.

Bucklew Named 2008 Professor of the Year



Andrea Bucklew, an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Potomac State College of WVU, was chosen as the 2008 *Professor of the Year*. In addition to serving as co-sponsor of the Criminal Justice Club, Bucklew has been instrumental in organizing a Criminal Justice Career Fair and a professional development seminar on campus. She serves as chair of the Instructional Programs Committee, is a member of the WVU Assessment Council, PSC Judicial

Board, and Partnership in Education. Also pictured with Bucklew are Professor Phil Douthitt, Chair of Faculty Assembly (left); and Dr. Kerry Odell, Campus Provost.



Horse Judging

Participants from 4-H and FFA Chapters throughout the State of West Virginia participated in a horse judging competition in the newly constructed indoor-riding arena at Potomac State College of WVU. The competition builds problem solving and critical thinking skills, communication skills and an increased knowledge of the animals. Winners from this level will compete at the national level this fall.

Many Thanks

Many thanks for your financial support of the alumni newsletter. We will continue to share information with you on a bi-annual basis as long as funds allow. If you would like to assist us, please make your check payable to the PSC Alumni Association and mail it to Libby Nichols, Potomac State College of WVU, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726.

Spain Awaits You!

Alumni, staff, faculty and friends of the College are invited to participate in an exciting trip to Spain for the adventure of a lifetime. Upon your arrival in Madrid, you'll be mesmerized by Spain's vivid history, the Royal Court, and view paintings by such greats as Goya, El Greco and Velazquez. You'll stand in awe of the arched gateways and explore magnificent palaces. You'll see exotic mosaics and ornamental courtyards from Granada to Seville. While spending time in Costa del Sol, you'll visit the third largest Gothic cathedral in the world, tour a bull-fighting ring and enjoy a free day of relaxing in the waters of the Mediterranean.

Program fee includes round-trip airfare, seven overnight stays in hotels, complete European breakfast and dinner daily, full-time bilingual tour director, five sightseeing tours led by licensed, local guides, and nine visits to special attractions.

With today's rising fuel prices, coordinators are anticipating an increase in future trips; however, at \$2,015 for students and \$2,305 for adults (prices are approximate), visiting Spain is a bargain that makes this trip affordable.

For deadlines, payment schedule or to obtain a brochure, contact Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870 or at LMNichols@mail.wvu.edu.

Silent Auction

The Potomac State College Alumni Association will hold a silent auction during Homecoming 2008. If you have new items which you would like to donate, please mail them to Libby Nichols, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV, or drop them off at the Alumni Office located in Room 204 of the Administration Building. Libby can be contacted by calling 1-800-262-7332 extension 6870, 304-788-6870 or at lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu.

Homecoming 2008

CRUISIN' THROUGH THE DECADES

TIME	EVENT	INFORMATION	COST
Friday, October 17			
6 p.m. Social Hour	50's Get Together Candlewyck Inn Keyser	Pat Hovis is the contact 788-4065 or phovis1@verizon.net Deadline is October 10th	\$17.50 per person two-meat buffet, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax, and gratuity
6:30 p.m. Dinner			
Saturday, October 18			
9 a.m.	Golf Outing Pines Golf Course	William Ack is the contact 304-788-3276	TBA
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Welcome Brunch & Recognition of Anniversary Classes <i>Open to everyone</i> Heritage Room University Place	Dr. Odell will give a campus update and recognize the anniversary classes of 1958, 1983 and 1998	
10:30 a.m.	Tour of University Place		
11 a.m.	Tour of the indoor riding arena		
12:30 p.m.	Brunch in the Potomac Commons		\$7.55 + tax
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Vintage Car Show in front of the indoor riding arena	Food and drinks will be available to purchase	
1:30 p.m.	Parents' Session in the Mary F. Shipper Library	Dinah Courier will discuss the transfer process	
2 p.m.	Re-dedication of the Mary F. Shipper Library		
5:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet Davis Conference Center (formerly the Potomac Café)	Alumni Achievement, Distinguished Service and Young Alumni will be recognized	\$20 per person RSVP by October 10th to Libby Nichols 788-6870 or 1-800-262-7332
8:30 p.m.	Sock Hop in the Student Union with current students		
Don't forget to visit the Potomac State College of WVU Bookstore to see their new PSC outerwear. Operating hours for Homecoming will be 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.			